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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FIGURES

Product	Prod. in 1st 10 mo of 1986	1st 10 Mo. 86 as % of same of 85
Elect. (b.kw.hrs)	1303	104%
Petroleum (inc. gas cond.)(mil. metric tons)	511	103
Nat. Gas (b.cu.mtr)	565	107
Coal (mil. metric tons)	624	103
Steel (mil. met. tons)	134	105
Fertilizer (mil.tons)	28.7	105
Metal-cutting tools (bil. rubles)	2.4	110
Robots (in 1000s)	12.4	118
Computer Technology (bil. rubles)	3.9	114
Tractors (mil. hp)	45.6	104
Paper (mil. metric tons)	5.1	104
Cement (mil. metric tons)	113	104
Meat(mil. metric tons)	8.8	107
Margarine (mil. tons)	1.2	104
Watches (mils)	58.3	104
Radios (mils)	7.5	104
TV sets (mils)	7.9	103
Automobiles (mil.)	1.1	99.7

LIVESTOCK

(in millions)

	Jan-Oct 1986	Jan-Oct 86 as % of 85
Cattle	95.9	101%
Hogs	62.2	104
Sheep & Goats	118.3	102
Chickens	766.1	100

ECONOMIC PRODUCTION FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1986

Production continues to increase. Individual industries, as has been the case earlier this year, continue to show relatively good increases in production. In particular, oil production for the first 10 months of the year is up 3% and October 1986 compared to October 1985

shows an increase of 4%. This means that the 52.8 million ton production for October 1986 is the highest October level production that the Soviets have recorded. In the months preceding October, production increased over output reported last year, but no records were set. Now production is higher than it had been not only in October 1983, but October 1982. The Soviets now officially confirm that oil output has exceeded the plan target for the second month in a row.

While that is good news, gas output for October 1986 was up only 5.7% over what it had been in October 1985. For the whole 10 month period, output shows a 7% increase, but given the fact that last year at this time, output was up 10% for the whole ten month period, compared to 1984, the fact that gas production is up only 6% suggests that output has not been increasing as rapidly as it had been earlier. Six percent is still a very high increase in output, but the rate of increase does seem to be falling and this must be of some concern to the Soviets.

Electricity production continues to grow at 4%, although on a month-by-month basis it was up only 3%.

Some of the other industries look particularly impressive, certainly compared against the backdrop of last year. For example, steel production is up 5% for the whole 10 month period compared to a drop in production recorded in October 1985 over October 1984. Similarly meat production is up 7% compared to a 2% increase for the comparable period last year over 1984.

In some the discipline effort does seem to be paying off and Gorbachev should be feeling pleased with his efforts.

ARDEN HOUSE 1987

Arden House will be held March 20-22, 1987. Most of the program is in place, and announcements will be sent out shortly. We had hoped that we would have had them ready by this date, but given the confusion in Washington, it has been a little more difficult to arrange administrative and congressional participation than in the past. We expect to hear shortly from several congressmen and senators and once we have this final facet of the program in place, notices will be sent out with the formal program. Please mark your calendars now. The cost will be the same as last year. $1000 for a single room and $900 for a double.

CURRENCY FIGURES

Rubles Purchased Per 100	Oct 1986	Nov 1986
Austrian shilling	4.83	4.79
UK pound	96.06	96.93
FRG mark	33.97	33.75
US dollar	67.27	68.41
French franc	10.39	10.31
Japanese yen	.436	.416
Italian lira	.0491	0488
Swiss franc	41.49	40.29

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE

On December 22-28, Harvard University will be the scene of an interesting experiment. Under the auspices of the International Culture Exchange (ICE), Harvard will serve as host to a series of hockey teams, including the Spartak Team of Moscow. The People's Republic of China is also expected to send a hockey team. The idea of the week-long event is to have not only a sports contest, but an opportunity for the different team members to meet one another in a more informal environment. Using the sports events as a magnet, the hope is to also attract government, business and educational representatives to the area to engage in similar discussions.

The meeting this December will be the first of what is hoped will be a series of events at this time of the year.

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